(c) if so, the details of the items that have to be obtained alongwith the efforts being made to obtain the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The new line from Dallirajahara to Rowghat has already been taken up as a part of Dailirajahara - Jagdalpur project. 306.43 hect of land against requirement of 696.31 hectare for this portion has been acquired. The contract for 42 km length has been awarded. The work has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, for execution on a fast track.

A survey for gauge conversion of Raipur-Dhamtari narrow gauge line to broad gauge alongwith new line providing connectivity to Naya Raipur area has recently been taken up.

(b) and (c) All the necessary documents for land acquisition for Dallirajahara-Rowghat new line have already been submitted to the State Government and the matter is regularly being pursued with them for early action.

Installation of anti-collision device in railways

261. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anti-Collision Device (ACD), developed by Konkan Railways, and commissioned on the North-East Frontier Railways (NEFR) has resulted in elimination of collision incidents and the broad objective of installation of this device has been achieved;

(b) the percentage decline in such incidents during January-October 2009 as compared to similar period in 2008; and

(c) whether the ACDs would be installed in other Railways operating in similar terrain and conditions as NEFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Anti-Collision Device (ACD), as a pilot project, on North-East Frontier Railway (NEFR) is operational since July 2006.

The efficacy of ACD in real life could not be established because no collision like situation has occurred on NEFR since then.

(c) Installation of ACD has been sanctioned for three other railways *viz*. Southern, South Central and South Western Railway.

Shortage of bogies

†262. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(a) whether it is a fact that, due to shortage of bogies, new trains are not being operated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to establish new factories in view of the shortage of bogies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Introduction of new trains is affected on account of shortage of coaches. However, to meet the additional demand, new manufacturing factories for coaches are being set up.

(c) and (d) A new coach factory has been sanctioned with the capacity to produce 800 coaches per year at Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh. Proposal for setting up of manufacturing unit at Palakkad in Kerala has been announced in the Railway Budget 2008-09. Besides, proposal for manufacturing of coaches under joint venture/public private partnership mode has been announced in the Railway Budget 2009-10 to set up a rail coach factory at Kanchrapara in West Bengal.

Rail links with Nepal and Bhutan

263. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has come up with a plan to build links with Nepal and Bhutan to counter China's great push to build railway links in South Asia;

(b) if so, whether RITES has been asked to conduct feasibility studies in this regard and submit its report;

(c) if so, the details of the reports submitted by RITES;

(d) whether the cost of these projects has been estimated; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic surveys have been conducted by M/s RITES for new rail connectivity proposals in Nepal and feasibility-studies in Bhutan. Details of the surveys completed alongwith estimated cost of the projects is as follows:-

Nepal

Sl. No.	Proposed rail links		Distance	Estimated cost
	From	To	(in Km)	(in Rs. cr.)
1	Jogbani	Biratnagar (Nepal)	19	243
2	Jayanagar	Bijalpura (Nepal) & extn. to Bardidas	70	447
3	Nepalganj Road	Nepalganj (Nepal)	12	149
4	Nautanwa	Bhairahawa (Nepal)	15	176
5	New Jalpaiguri	Kakarbhita *via* Panittanki (Nepal)	46	358